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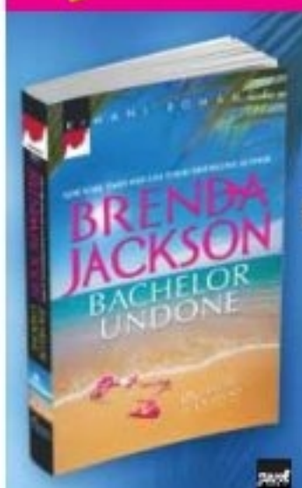

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Lead activist for Occupy the Hood alleges that racism and white privilege have caused him to withdraw his support from Occupy Boston Protesters from original movement deny accusations, say they want to work with all communities {page 02}

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T fare hike proposal coming

BOSTON. Transit officials are getting ready to pitch a possible fare increase and service reduction options as early as December, according to MassDOT Secretary Rich Davey.

State House News Service reported that Davey anticipates the proposals will be discussed next month with public hearings to soon follow.

By January, T officials and riders could be working to find solutions for the $161 million projected budget deficit. METRO

▶ Thomas

Dog hit with dart

BOSTON. An Allston man pleaded not guilty yesterday to firing a blowgun at a stranger's dog.

Connor Thomas, 20, was charged with cruelty to animals and assault and battery for the Saturday morning incident, authorities said.

Thomas allegedly fired the blowgun darts at a man and his dog on Ashford Street at 3:45 a.m.

Police followed the trajectory of darts and located Thomas. METRO

Occupy Boston accused of racism by own offshoot

- Occupy the Hood activist withdraws his support for Occupy Boston
- Occupy Boston says it is eager to work with folks from all communities

A member of Occupy the Hood Boston, an activist group focused on social inequities in urban communities, said the group formally separated from Occupy Boston.

Community activist Jamal Crawford said elements such as "racism and white privilege" have been "hindrances to forward progress," in an e-mail he sent to occupiers, demanding certain things change. "I can't say all of OB is racist or OB itself is racist [but] we witnessed and experienced white privilege and racism," he said.

Last week, Crawford sent the "demands" to garner support for OTHB.

The e-mail circulated quickly, getting mixed reactions from protesters, before he was invited to a general assembly to talk about certain requests.

But due to a lack of a quorum, no vote was made on the measures.

Frustrated with the inaction, Crawford said he later received e-mails he claims were "an all out attack on his character" because of his demands and how they were worded.

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▶ Occupy Boston members are camped out in Dewey Square.

"The reaction was mixed, and there was certainly some indignation surrounding the wording and tone of the e-mail," said Occupy Boston member Ravi Mishra. "But I don't think the responses were racist at all."

Mishra said Occupy Boston works with members of many communities on a number of projects and it's unfortunate that one member has a problem with them and they hope to rectify that situation.

"I do not believe it would have happened had I been a white man or not such an assertive black man," said Crawford.

Demands to Occupy Boston

1. Establish a day dedicated to people of color.
2. Occupy Boston must clean itself up and establish order.
3. $2,000 donation from Occupy Boston to expand outreach.

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Boston Latin seventh-grader dies of bacterial meningitis

BOSTON. A 12-year-old student from Boston Latin Academy died yesterday after apparently having a case of bacterial meningitis.

The seventh-grade student went to the hospital Friday with symptoms of the illness.

Officials said counselors would be at the school today.

According to the Boston Public Health Commission, meningitis is an infection of the lining of the brain, spinal fluid, and spinal cord.

50 Public health officials said a small number of people, fewer than 50, had come into close contact with the ill student and could be at risk of also having the illness.

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▶ Boston Latin School

News in brief

Killer sought in mom's death

BOSTON. Police were searching for the apparent killer of a woman who was found dead inside a Mattapan apartment yesterday along with her unharmed 1-year-old son.

The unidentified woman was in her 30s and was found at 50 Fairlawn Ave., by a relative yesterday afternoon, police said.

Police did not say how she died and no arrests were made at press time.

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Trafficking bill signed by Patrick

◗ Passes both House and Senate with one vote against ◗ Rep. says aspect of bill he will never vote for

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▶ Survivor of the commercial sex industry Audry Porter joined State and Federal officials earlier this year to advocate for human trafficking legislation.

When the time came last Tuesday for state legislators to cast their vote on the state's anti-human trafficking bill, all of them voted to pass it — except one.

Rep. Benjamin Swan, a democrat from Springfield, voted against the bill.

"There's mandatory minimum sentencing included," Swan said when asked about his reasons for voting against the bill.

The bill, signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday, establishes the crimes of trafficking persons for sexual servitude and for forced services. Traffickers of children could face life in prison. Those guilty of trafficking people for commercial sex would face not less than five years in prison.

"The passage of this bill recognizes that these crimes aren't only occurring in other countries and other states, but right in our own communities."
ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY

Massachusetts is one of the last states to enact human trafficking legislation.

Swan said if the mandatory minimum sentencing wasn't included in the bill, he would have voted for it.

"It would cause more damage than good," Swan said. "Mandatory minimum sentences haven't worked in [the U.S.], and in the last 40 years have only added to prison population."

Law enforcement officials, victim advocates and former prostitutes have long pushed for the law, saying it would go after the pimps and help protect women and victims.

For My Life My Choice Project Director Lisa Goldblatt Grace, it doesn't matter that the bill did not have unanimous support. "To see its passage really feels like Massachusetts is ready to take a stand and to say 'Not on our watch. Not in our communities,'" she said.

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Survivors of homicide victims unite

Community involvement is key to helping end violence and heal some of the pain felt by the families of homicide victims, advocates and officials said yesterday.

"Violence doesn't define us. Community defines us," said Gov. Deval Patrick, speaking to crowd of homicide victims' family members. "It'll take each of us reaching out, giving a damn."

Patrick called the victim's families the "strongest people in the commonwealth" when he spoke during a ceremony for the annual Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month, which began this week. He was given an advocacy award for his work.

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▶ Victims memorial

Those in attendance included workers from support service organizations as well as family members of homicide victims who were urged to help their community end violence by sharing what they have learned and experienced.

"Let's remember that children are not the problem," said Tina Chery, the founder of Dorchester's Louis D. Brown Peace Institute — named for her 15-year-old son who was murdered in 1993. She went on to say that involvement in criminal activity and violence is not an issue kids are born into.

"As long as we work with everyone around us, we will get to the commonwealth we want," Chery said. ● MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Awareness month

Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month lasts through Dec. 20.

- **Events include** a Thanksgiving breakfast, holiday wreath-making, overcoming trauma through yoga and remembrance events.
- **For more information,** visit www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org.

Bartenders say cheers to app

- Stay connected with your favorite cocktail-maker
- Bartenders check in at start of shift with new bar app

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▶ Isaac Sussman, who works at the Independent in Somerville, uses the new applicationn that helps users track their favorite bartender.

Having a bartender you can trust to make your favorite cocktails is as important as having a consistent barber or tattoo artist, according to some Hub drink mixologists.

"I go to one person to cut my hair, and I wait if I have to," said Alex Homans, bar manager at Temple Bar. "Same goes for becoming a bar regular — you have that exclusive relationship with your bartender."

Homans said if a bartender he likes disappears from a certain spot, he is less likely to go back there.

But two Boston buddies are solving that predicament using a smart phone app they developed called "OntheBar."

Using the free phone download, customers can "find, favorite and follow" Boston's best bars and bartenders.

"We're giving visibility to the people who really care about their craft and who work tirelessly to create the best possible experiences for their customers," said co-creator Ian Stanczyk.

Stanczyck launched the app two months ago with cocktail connoisseur TJ Connolly.

"It's about the relationship between the patron and the bartender — it's someone you come to know," said Connolly. "You see them once or twice a week and I think [this] adds to the experience a lot."

Bartenders use the app to check in when their shifts start, said Connolly, allowing regulars to plan their night accordingly.

Isaac Sussman, bartender at The Independent in Somerville, said it's a great tool for both the customer and the drink maker.

"I have a lot of regulars," he said. "It's a great tool to bring in customers."

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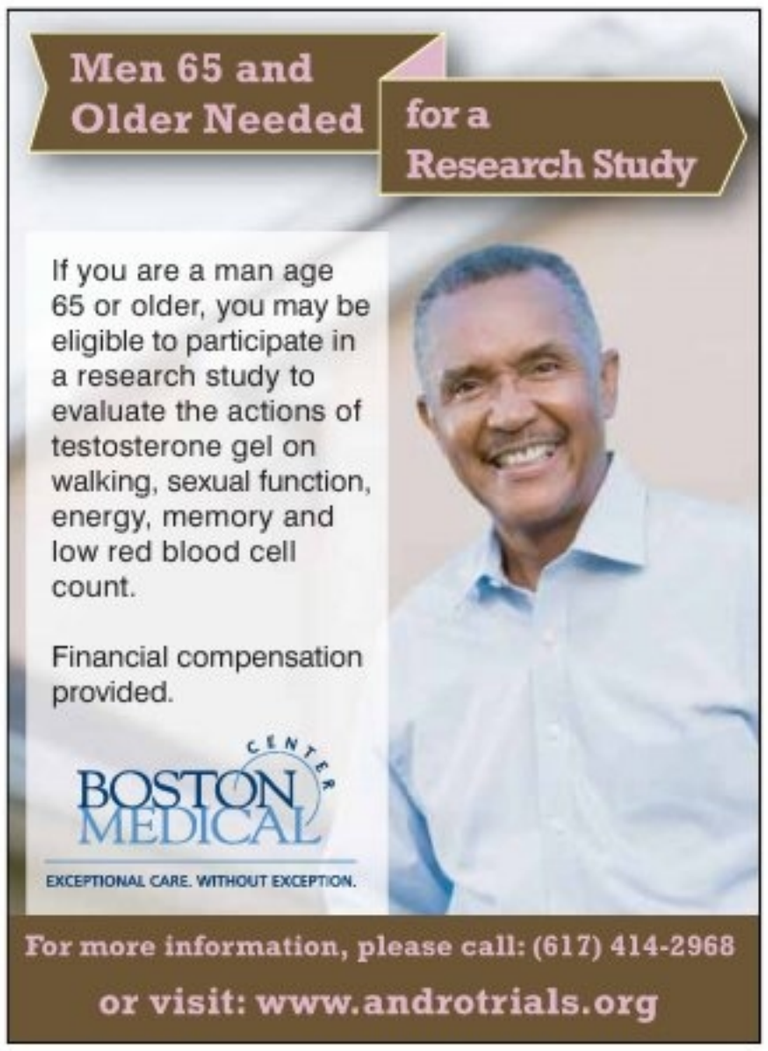
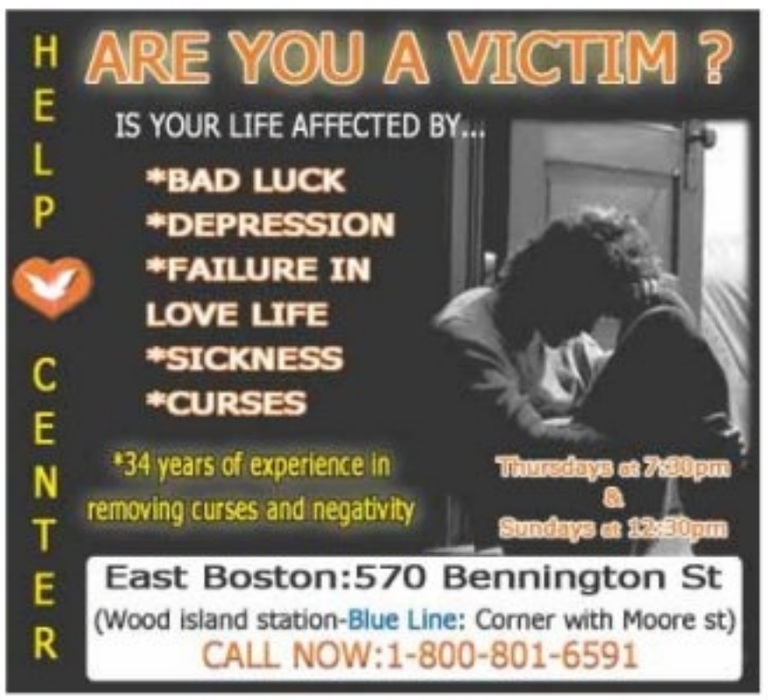
Safety first

Connolly said an early concern was voiced about stalking certain bartenders if they were female, so the duo developed privacy controls if the problem is ever presented.

- "We don't add anything to that kind of problem," he said.





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▶ "Haló?" is by Martina Teislerova.

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Hiring hot spots

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- Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, Ariz.
- Boise City-Nampa, Idaho

Ex-FBI director to investigate Penn State sex scandal

Penn State University trustees named former FBI director and federal judge Louis Freeh yesterday to head an independent investigation into the child sex abuse scandal that has rocked the university.

Freeh told a news conference that the investigative team run by his law firm would examine gaps in Penn State's "control environment," oversight and culture that allowed years of alleged abuse to go undetected and unreported.

"The scope of our work will be broad, covering a lengthy period of time," Freeh said.

Word of the investigation came as a psychologist working with one of Jerry Sandusky's alleged abuse victims, now a senior in high school, said his client had been forced to leave school because of bullying.

Quoted

"The scope of our work will be broad, covering a lengthy period of time."
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Sandusky, 67, a former assistant football coach at Penn State, was charged this month with multiple counts of sexually abusing eight young boys over a 15-year period. In a nationally televised interview, Sandusky denied he abused the boys and said he is not a pedophile.

Two former university officials were charged in an alleged coverup. They have also said they were innocent.

The board of trustees fired legendary football coach Joe Paterno and Penn State's president for failing to tell police about the allegation of abuse once they learned of it.
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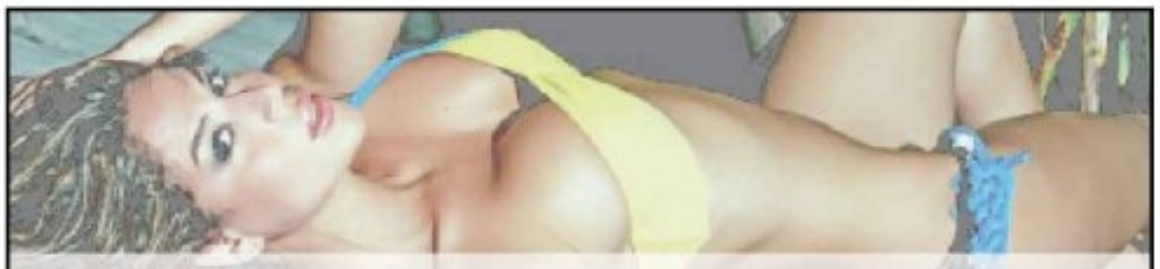
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Police boss benched after OWS spraying

Fallout continues over student protester crackdown in California ◐ Also: Cops taken to court in New York

The University of California at Davis has put the campus police chief on administrative leave while it probes officers' use of pepper spray on students passively protesting last week, the university said yesterday.

The announcement came one day after the school put two police officers on administrative leave who were videotaped deploying pepper spray on the seated protesters.

"As I have gathered more information about the events that took place on our Quad on Friday, it has become clear to me that this is a necessary step toward restoring trust on our campus," UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi said in a statement.

Katehi has also asked the Yolo County District Attorney's office to investigate the police department's use of force. REUTERS

Internet outrage

Video footage that showed a riot gear-clad policeman using pepper spray on a group of about a dozen student protesters in the university's quad area spread quickly over the Internet, sparking outrage among students and some faculty members.

NYPD sued over arrests

NEW YORK. A bartender and his fiancee involved in an Occupy Wall Street protest sued the New York City Police Department for alleged civil-rights violations stemming from a protest at a Citibank branch last month.

The lawsuit claims the police violated protesters' Constitutional rights against unlawful detention and arrest, and they also used excessive force. BLOOMBERG

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The first day of nominations for Metro's Man and Woman of the year event provided some interesting contrasts, to say the least. Charlie Sheen gained several early nominations, as did Lara Logan. But late in the day there came a rush of nominations for the 99 Percent — another version, we suppose, of the OWS protestors. Nominations remain open until Friday, Dec. 9. E-mail nominations to mwoty@metro.us

Study says fat people eat less than thin

WASHINGTON. Overweight adults eat less often than people in the normal body weight range, but still take in more calories and are less active over the course of the day, according to a U.S. study.

By contrast, normal-weight adults, including those who had lost a lot of weight and kept it off, ate more often, according to findings published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

"Most of the research has shown that people who eat more frequently have a lower weight. But no one knows why," said lead researcher Jessica Bachman, an assistant professor in the department of Nutrition and Dietetics at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. REUTERS

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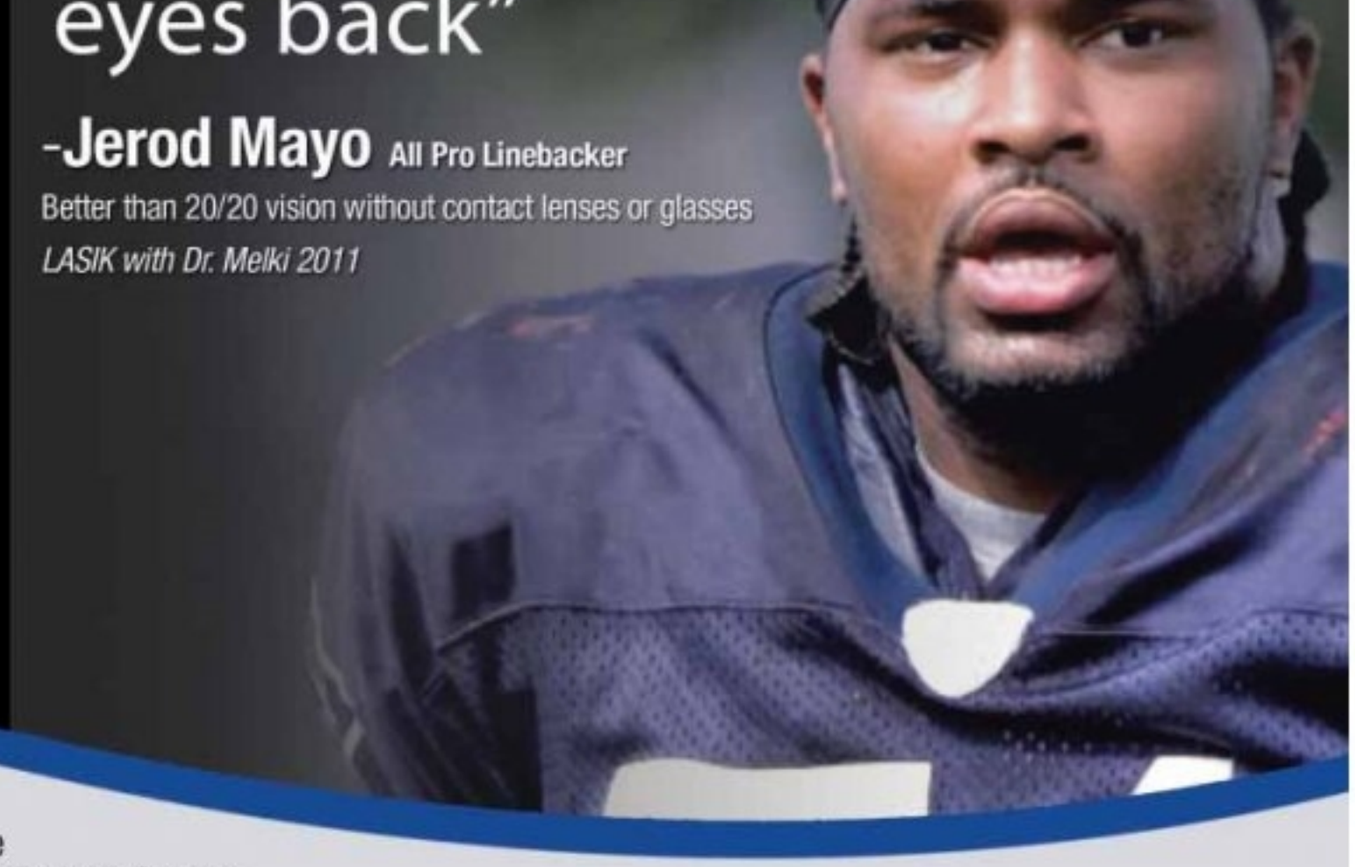

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Put some real pants on, JLo

Jennifer Lopez is ridiculous.

I put up with her Fiat ads. I admit I was a little thrown when the car appeared in her "Papi" music video (and a 30-second trailer for the video), but I dealt with it. But did a Fiat 500 really have to appear onstage with her during her performance of "Papi" during Sunday night's American Music Awards? Really? What's next? A staged paparazzi shot with one, strolling arm and axle on the beach?

It's just that everything lately with the singer-star has been so in-your-face. I realize she is trying to stage a comeback and is trying to refill her bank account, but it's reaching saturation point.

Like, what was up with that skintight Britney Spears-esque bodysuit she was wearing at the AMAs? We get it. You're 42 and still superhot — but come on, put some pants on. You're a mom now; you can be sexy without showing off your lady parts. She is acting like a slutty reality TV contestant instead of the true star she is.

▶ Oh, hello, Jennifer Lopez's butt. I guess it has been a while since we (and Pitbull) have paid attention to it.

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Another case in point? She was sure to leak her behavior at a celebrity-packed AMA after-party to Us Weekly. The magazine reported that Lopez retreated to a private booth with her new boy toy, dancer **Casper Smart**, where she was seen grinding on his lap, rubbing his head and kissing him.

This isn't to say that Lopez shouldn't have a good time now that she's single and on the prowl. She gets a hearty "You go, girl!" for that. But she should do so within reason. And, for God's sake, leave your endorsements of Fiat for the commercials.

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Talking points

Stop playing games with our hearts, Justin

Jessica Biel and **Justin Timberlake** continue to stoke rumors that they're back together. The pair reportedly stuck by each other's side at a dinner Biel hosted recently at the Chateau Marmont, according to People magazine. Biel and Timberlake sat together, shared food and were "very sweet" to each other during the intimate dinner, sources say.

Bieber is still calm over test

Justin Bieber seemed worry-free over the weekend, despite reportedly taking a DNA test to clear up a paternity suit brought against him, according to Us Weekly. The Canadian pop star was all smiles at a rehearsal for the American Music Awards, serenading girlfriend **Selena Gomez**. "At one point Justin even sang 'I Feel Good' a la James Brown," a source says. "They were totally adorable. They were snuggling in between takes. They look as in love as ever."

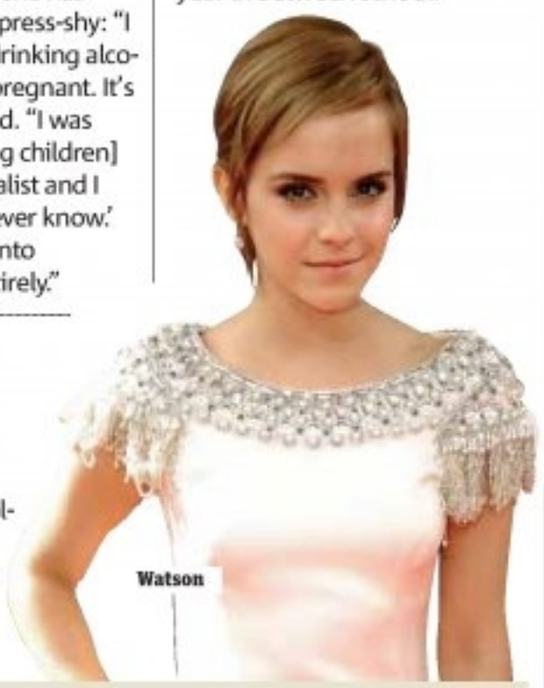
▶ Biel and Timberlake

Weisz keeps mum on Craig

Rachel Weisz is enjoying married life with **Daniel Craig**, but that doesn't mean she enjoys talking about it with the press. "I'm sorry," she told the Telegraph. "I'm a newlywed. I'm still a blushing bride and it's really private. I can't tell you anything. Come back to me later." And Weisz said she has good reason to be press-shy: "I read that I wasn't drinking alcohol because I was pregnant. It's not true," she added. "I was asked [about having children] recently by a journalist and I think I said, 'You never know.' And it was turned into something else entirely."

Watson back in the UK

After her year of college in the U.S., "Harry Potter" star **Emma Watson** is happy to be back in the U.K. studying at Oxford University. "It's really nice ... just to have that steady routine and being home, being around people I love and doing what I love," Watson tells People magazine. "I'm studying and really excited about my next projects. I can't really talk about them right now, but I am going to try and fit in some film projects next year in between school."


Watson

Kutcher tries to buy Moore's love

Speaking of cars, just before **Demi Moore** announced she was divorcing him, **Ashton Kutcher** reportedly made a last-ditch effort to save their marriage by buying her a brand-new car, according to TMZ. Sources say Kutcher spent upwards of $100,000 for a 2012 Lexus, ordering it Nov. 9 — two days before Moore's birthday. It's unclear if Moore accepted the gift or if Kutcher had to return it. With all the rumors about their threesomes going around, it probably would have been more apt if he'd given her an Escort.

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Just eight days and 15,000 words to go

Sam writes a novel

SAMANTHA SWEENEY
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There's one week left in National Novel Writing Month. Has three weeks of what the NaNoWriMo officials refer to as "literary abandon" been everything I expected? Yes, actually, right down to the Red Bull-fueled nights. I've learned a lot of things in the past three weeks that I can apply as I wrap up my novel:

1. **The way one envisions a story and the way it actually manifests itself may be very different!** It's really like a Choose-Your-Own-Adventure process. Allow it to happen. Everyone has different writing styles, so take each comment and criticism with a grain of salt.

2. **Characters are what drives a story.** If each of them doesn't have substantial thought and body, there isn't much of a story at all.

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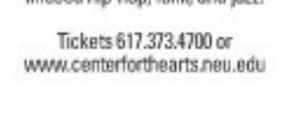

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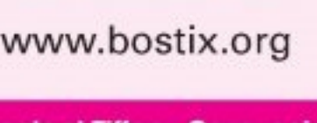

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Jobs won't fill this huge hole

The major social problem in America is the ever increasing disparity of wealth between the classes, largely accomplished through the elite's biased application of laws and taxes. Let's recognize that we have an aristocracy atop our social hierarchy. This privileged class is contrary to our nation's founding principles and is anathema to most of our population. Make no mistake; now, it will take more than jobs to assuage the inherent discontent.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Why do they protest?

There's a lot of discussion on whether OWS movement is doing any good or just rankling people. If everyone knew more of what the dirty rats in Washington are doing, we'd be able to organize frustration toward the appropriate policymakers. OWS should be protesting Grover Norquist. He seems to be singlehandedly submarining the U.S. economy [with his anti-tax crusade].

CAROLYN GREEN, VIA E-MAIL

Only those luminaries who haven't lost their jobs or their health care or their 401K plans would ask what OWS is about. Or like professor Finkelstein used to say: "It's not until the wealthy are hurt that things change."

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

Spank their bottom line

As a country, we need to stop spending money. We are mentally trained by the mass media to consume in excess. If we curb our spending in support of the necessary, we will hit corporations where it hurts.

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Respect the amphibian

RE: "NEWT SLITHERS INTO LEAD FOR GOP RACE": Newt Gingrich "slithers" into the lead: Is that what passes for journalism around here? Sure, he deserves it, and worse. But no matter how well deserved, derogatory language does not belong in headlines of news articles. Now apologize to those salamanders for associating them with Mr. Gingrich.

DAN WYLIE-SEARS, BRIGHTON

I do not support Newt but he should not be subjected to slurs. The headline may be intended as a "clever" play on his name but it falls flat. Newts are four-legged reptiles that don't slither. In this instance, only the headline writer crawls on his belly.

MICHAEL BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Being clever enough to take the frail ideas of others and ingeniously remold them into hardy producers is one of your best talents, which you'll use quite well today.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Candor is essential in all your one-on-one relationships, so don't try to blow things out of proportion just to make them more colorful. Your rhetoric could get taken seriously.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Put your organizational abilities to use by systemizing situations that are somewhat confusing. No one can present a more sensible plan than you.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you can, you should allocate some time to doing fun things with some choice chums. You can take what would otherwise be an ordinary day and turn it into something special.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Your aims and wishes would be more readily received if you first set the example you wish others to follow.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You should be able to excel in activities that require partners. You're willing to accept in others that which is lacking in yourself, and as such work quite well with most anyone.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Focusing on work-related activities makes you a very productive person. Opportunities to accomplish things that you were unable to do previously will present themselves.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Positive thinking will provide ample opportunities to advance in your favorite field of endeavor. The word "can't" won't be found in your vocabulary.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Open your heart and share your know-how when working with the less fortunate. Your generosity may bring you more joy than even the recipients.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Conceptual changes you make regarding your plans for the day should easily work out to your satisfaction. More importantly, however, you should try to advance your dreams.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You're capable of doing most anything you want, but what would make you the happiest would be applying your effort toward doing something you consider to be truly worthwhile.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You possess an ability to make the most out of whatever is given to you in life, and are happy doing just that. No matter where you are or whom you're with, you'll use this asset well.

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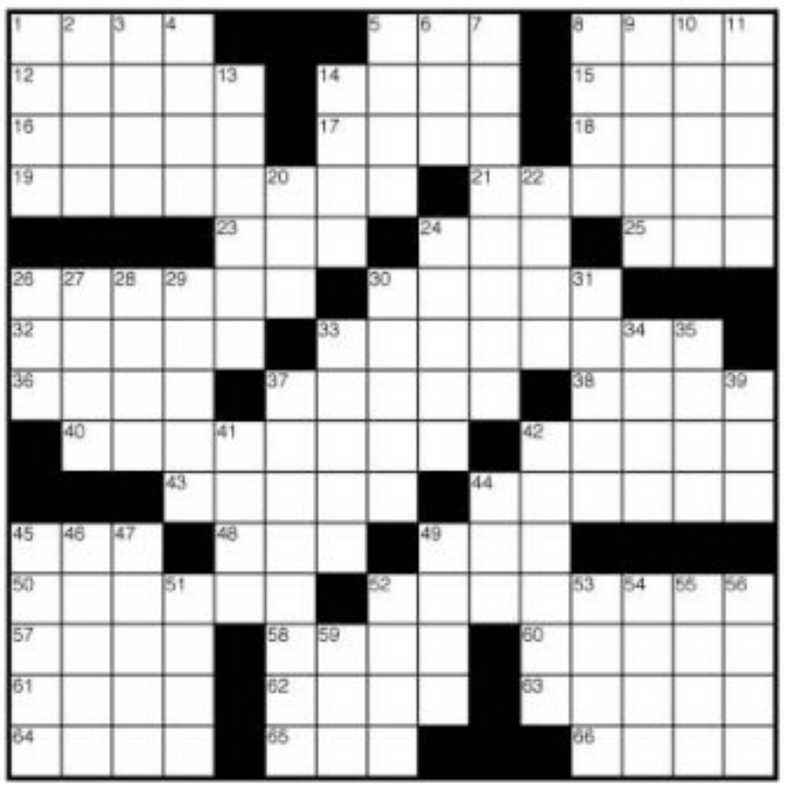

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Shop smart on Black Friday

Don't enter the Natick Collection hordes as a sleepy Thanksgiving zombie Money-saving expert Andrea Woroch on making the most of deals on Black Friday and beyond

For some people, the idea of waking up at 5 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving to battle mall crowds is about as appealing as Tofurkey. But for others, even in the age of Cyber Monday and free shipping, it's all about the hunt.

"Every year we see an increase of people turning to online shopping, but with Black Friday you still get lots of crowds," says Andrea Woroch, a consumer and money-saving expert for Kinoli Inc. "There are people who like to find those door-busting deals, and sure enough, there are still great deals to be had out there."

That said, even Black Friday die-hards can learn a little from their tech-savvy counterparts. Here are Woroch's top tips for shopping smart in the midst of retail madness.

Have a plan

"One of the most important things you can do is plan ahead and find out what the deals are going to be across several different stores," says Woroch. "Let's say there's a huge discount on a TV at Target — call ahead and ask how many they have in stock. Map out a route, or go to a mall where there are a variety of stores."

Hit the road early

You'll want to set the alarm for a disturbing hour not just for the deals, but to ensure a leisurely day. "It pays to be out there early because the door-busters will be limited in quantity. The earlier you shop, the more time you have to hit retailers and feel like you can get lunch. That's important — you should also enjoy the crazy holiday shopping frenzy."

Take advantage of price-matching

"Remember that big merchants like Sears, Home Depot and Wal-Mart are really beefing up their price-matching guarantees. They'll meet or beat a competitor's price. Have your smartphone with you to download and present barcodes that cashiers can price-match while you're at the store."

GOODSHOOT

▶ In a new survey by Consumersearch.com, 61 percent of respondents said they plan to shop in stores on Black Friday.

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Load up on apps

There are a ton of apps out there to help you shop savvy. Woroch recommends Amazon's free Price Check app — which allows you to scan barcodes and compare them to in-store prices — and Sale Saver, a supercalculator that computes the actual price of an item after that additional 20 percent off, sales tax and coupons. But the gold standard is Coupon Sherpa, which synchs with your GPS to find paperless coupons, which cashiers can scan right off your phone.

Only buy what you need

"Retailers are already out there offering deals," says Woroch. "They want to create a sense of urgency — but they'll offer that 40 percent off again. Do your research, know how much things cost and take advantage of a deal only when you need it."

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Pro tip

If you know what stores you'll be shopping at in advance, visit **Giftcardgranny.com**, where you can buy gift cards at less than face value from sellers who would rather have the cash. "You can save anywhere from an additional 5 percent to 35 percent," says Woroch.

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Boston celebrates Black Friday and Plaid Saturday with many local and online ways to spend your greens

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Local online deals

Why wait until you're back at work on Monday to do your holiday shopping online? Black Friday is also becoming Green Friday as consumers choose to shop from home.

Boston's home goods superstore, **Jossandmain.com**, has special Black Friday discounts of up to 70 percent and a fun Finders Keepers promotion featuring 25 items (from a Missoni pouf to a hush-hush "top designer" chair) hidden throughout the site for shoppers to claim for free (**www.jossandmain.com**).

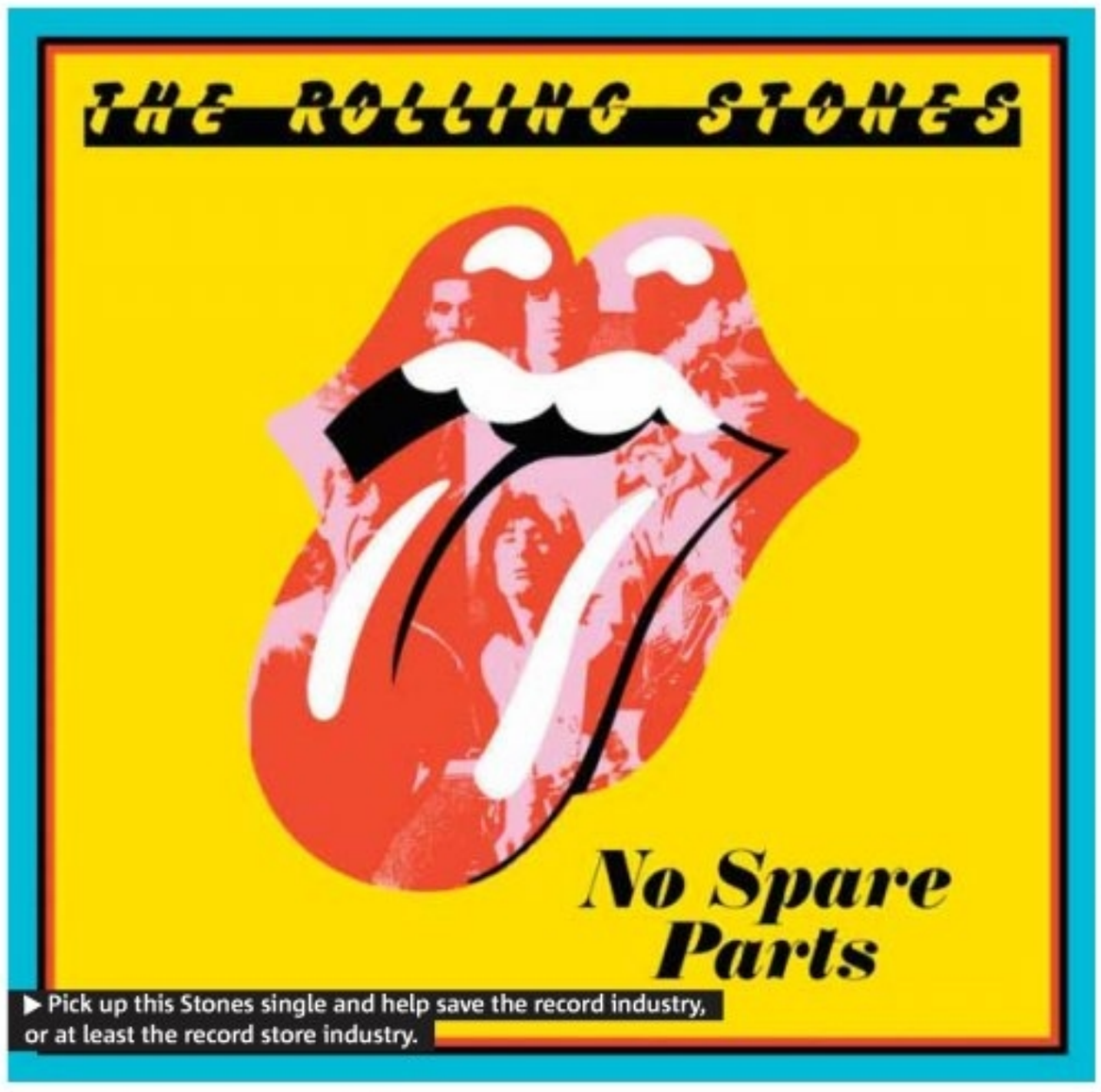
At **Wayfair.com**, another Boston online giant, Metro readers get an exclusive 10 percent off coupon, good for 24 hours on Black Friday. Just enter the code WAYFAIR10. Also, there's savings from 15 to 60 percent off everything from toys and tools to furniture and footwear, too (**www.wayfair.com**).

Shop online or in real-time at your local record store for **Record Store Day**'s Black Friday promotions. There's lots of limited edition vinyl, including the album that changed the Red Hot Chili Peppers into hitmakers giants, "Blood Sugar Sex Magik," reissued on its 20 anniversary. Get the jump on The Black Keys new "El Camino" (out Dec. 6) with the "Lonely Boy" EP. For classic rockers, the Rolling Stones issue a previously unreleased track, "No Spare Parts," on 7-inch vinyl (**www.recordstoreday.com**).

Bad in plaid

Head to **Harvard Square**, which celebrates Plaid Saturday — the oddly-named indie business answer to Black Friday — for deals at cute stores like **Berks** shoes. Buy any item at regular price, get 25 percent off the second (50 JFK St. 617-492-9511. **www.berkshoes.com**). At **Follow the Honey**, along with 10 percent off pre-orders on Christmas and Hanukkah baskets, Vermont native Melissa Brodeur introduces her Bee Well herb and honey body scrubs and skin oils and will be onsite to give chair massages (1132 Mass. Ave. 617-945-7356. **www.followthehoney.com**)

You could get this Missoni pouf for free if you figure out the secret spots of Joss and Main.com.



Pick up this Stones single and help save the record industry, or at least the record store industry.

Midnight madness

For those Midnight Madness addicts, **Wrentham Village Premium Outlets'** annual early opening — yup, midnight — brings added specials for night-owl shoppers and more throughout the daylight hours too. The outlet village adds cool new stores this season, including **Ted Baker**, **Bloomingdale's**, and **Tory Burch**. (One Premium Outlets Blvd., Wrentham. 508-384-0600. **www.premiumoutlets.com/wrentham**).

This Ted Baker bag can be yours for a bargain as soon as 12:01 a.m. at the Wrentham outlets.

Walking around

Hoofing the Back Bay on Black Friday means deals at lots of indie stores and giant chains. Start your Black Friday savings at **Audrey's Pet Supply**, where the first 20 customers who spend more than $50, get a 15 oz. bag of Dogswell's (excellent) all-natural beef jerky (296 Newbury St. 857-991-1236. **www.audreysboston.com**). End with much-needed sustenance from the **Mandarin's M Bar**, which has a Black Friday bonus: Buy a signature cocktail and a Lite Bites menu item and get an additional Lite Bites dish on the house; 776 Boylston St. 617-535-8800. **www.mandarinoriental.com/boston**). In between, hit **H&M** for big discounts and scratch cards of up to $300 for the first 100 customers (100 Newbury St. 617-859-3192. **www.hm.com**).

Audrey's

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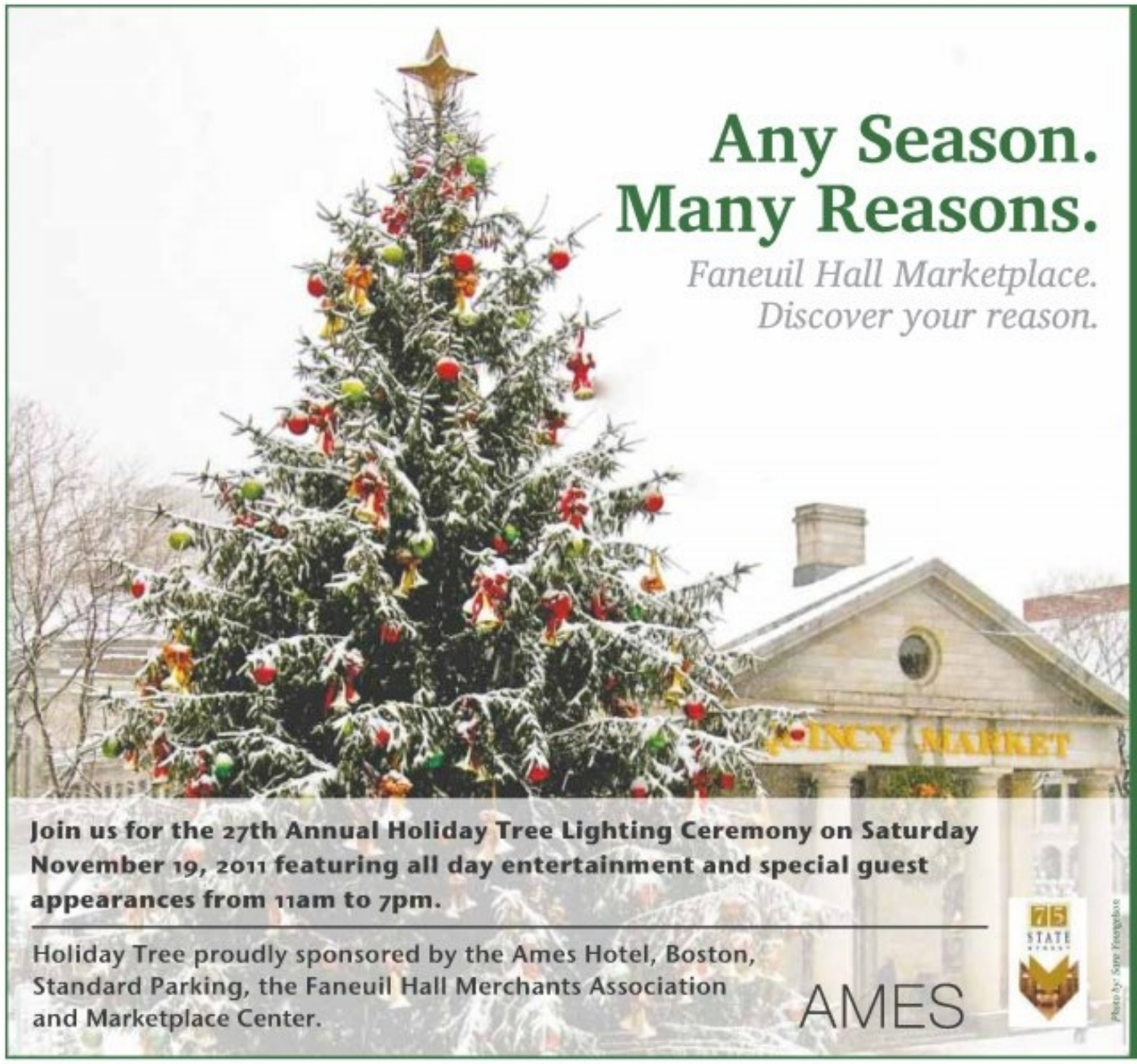

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Who's been naughty, and who's nice?

Every year, Consumer Reports magazine looks at the shopping policies of major companies and does Santa's work for him
How a few brands measured up

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▶ Best Buy previously landed on the "naughty" list for return policies. Will a "Harry Potter" screening for early customers make them "nice" this year? Check www.consumerreports.org.

NAUGHTY

AirTran: Discounted coach and on-sale tickets don't include the price of a seat, which costs an extra $6-$20 each way at the time of booking.

RadioShack: The company sometimes charges different prices for items depending on whether it was bought online or at the store, including one instance where the cost of an HDMI cable in-store was nearly twice the cost of the online price.

American Apparel: Offers two return policies with no explanation — online customers get full refunds while store shoppers only receive merchandise credit.

NICE

American Express: Can refund the full purchase price of covered items up to $300 when cardholders are unsuccessful in returning them to a merchant within 90 days.

REI: Accepts returns or exchanges at any time for any reason in-person or by mail, whether you bought it online, in the store or at an REI Outlet.

Live Nation: Gives fans 72 hours to cancel their ticket order and get a refund at many venues up to one week before the event.

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Gifts for kids

A little something for the little ones

Is it just us, or have toys gotten way cooler since we believed in Santa? Our picks for kids — and one or two for kids at heart

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1. Hello, Kitty! This MP3 player can store more than 100 songs and keep sticky fingers off your iPhone. **$30, www.toysrus.com**

2. We have no idea when the EasyBake oven got this cool. Or started including red velvet cupcakes. But we do know we still want one — bad. **$50, www.hasbrotoyshop.com**

3. Meet Magical Fairy Dora: From what we understand about little girls, you cannot possibly go wrong with this one. **$30, www.shop.nick.com**

4. LEGO characters have come a long way since we last played with the little blockheads. This year, SpongeBob SquarePants and friends get in on the action. **$15-$20, www.shop.nick.com**

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5. The "Sesame Street" gang are never going out of style. Let's Rock Elmo sings and plays instruments (don't worry — he's happy to share his drums with kiddos), while Count 'N Crunch Cookie Monster teaches numbers as he gobbles away. **Cookie: $30; Elmo: $70, www.hasbrotoyshop.com**

6. Keep their first Christmas nice and cozy with MyNatural Disney Blankies, made from natural cotton and colored with eco-friendly dyes. **$15, www.toysrus.com**

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Old-school holiday cards

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$16 (set of five), www.etsy.com/shop/redletterpaperco
MONICA WEYMOUTH

5 Holiday gift-wrapping tips from DailyCandy

Score big on Black Friday? You're not quite done just yet DailyCandy correspondent SuChin Pak shows us how to wrap those gifts up right

1 Make a statement with ribbon and twine
Consider ribbon and twine your presents' key accessory — let it do the talking.
Kate's Paperie Satin Ribbon, $.73-$2.80 per yard, www.katespaperie.com
Knot & Bow Glitter Twine, $20, www.etsy.com/shop/knotandbow

2 Get crafty with wrapping paper
Use brown craft paper or a combination of stamps and old calendars to bring a hint of nostalgia to your holiday presents.

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3 Personalized gift tags
Use on-trend gift tags to make your present feel current and fashion forward.

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Seahorse Gift Tags, $3, www.etsy.com/shop/decadentdesigns

4 Seal it
Decorative tape adds a bit of flair to any package.
Tape Swell tapes, $7, www.tapeswell.com

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5 Add a card
Don't forget to add a card and give your best wishes for the New Year.

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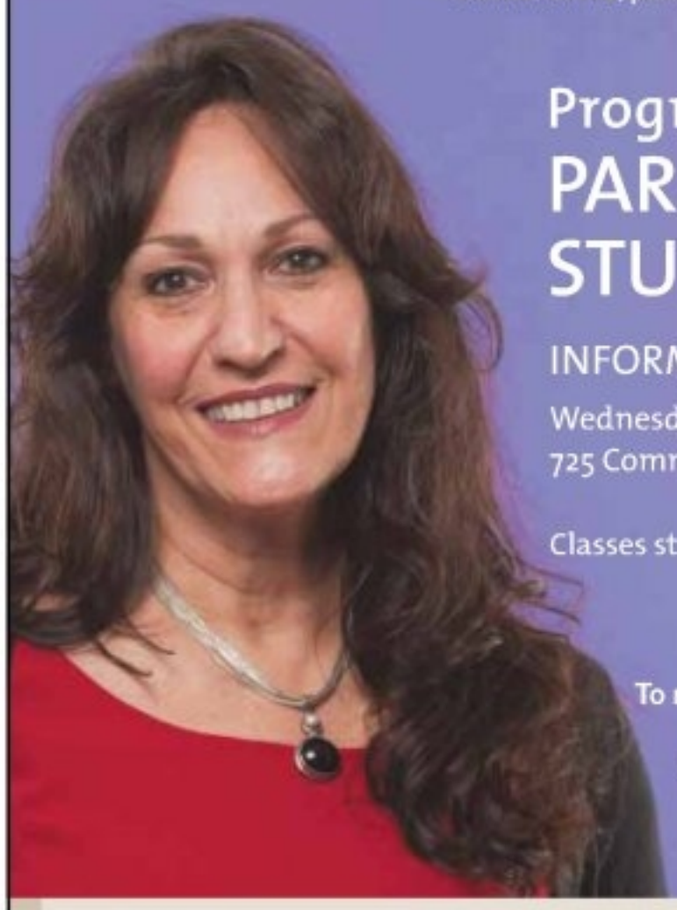

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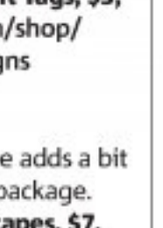
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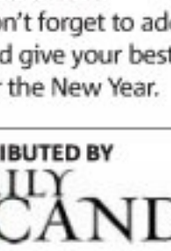
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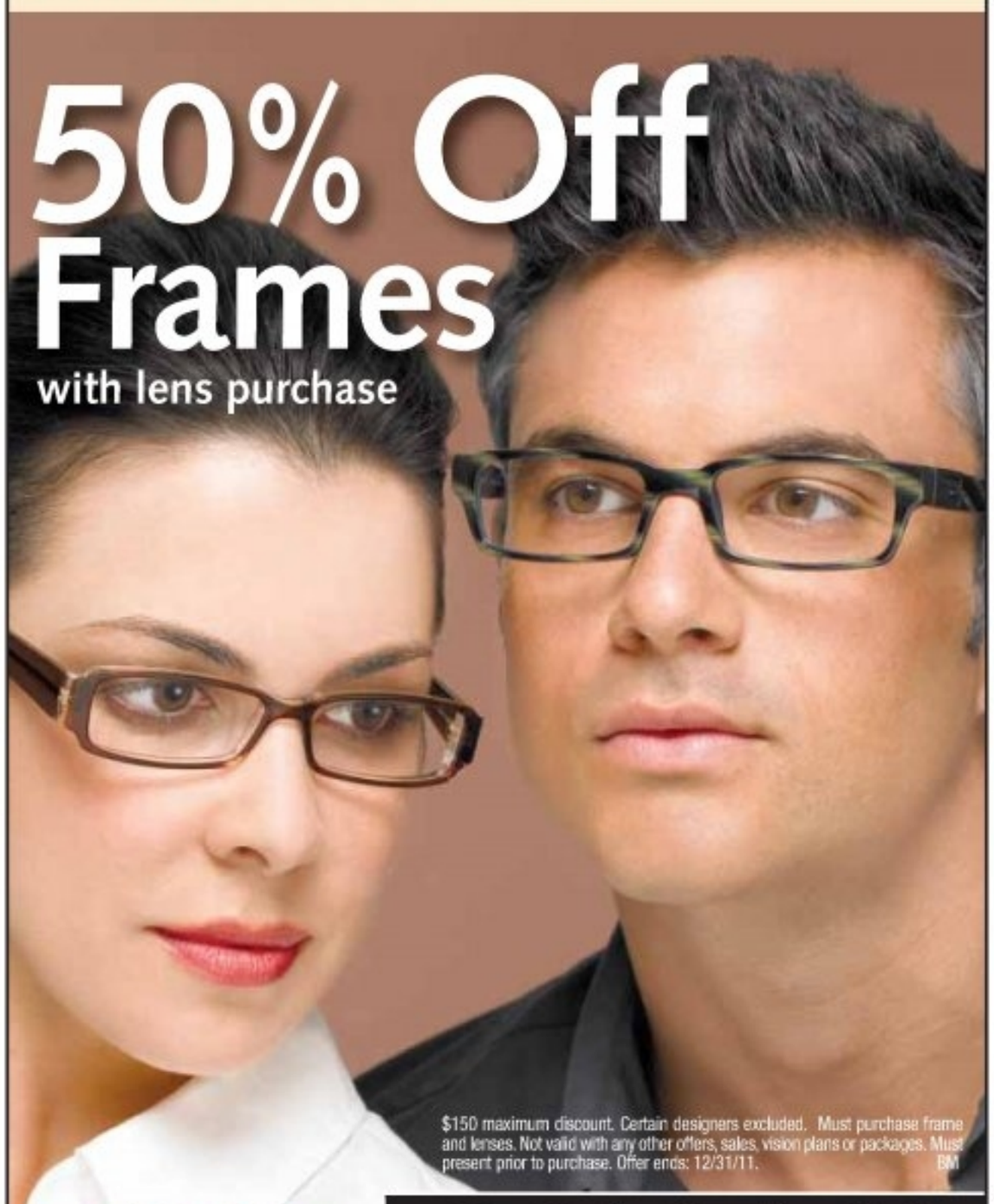

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Don't forget the home

A frog for a good cause

With every purchase of a soft toy at IKEA through Dec. 24, the retailer will donate approximately $1.47 ($1 Euro) to UNICEF and Save the Children's educational programs. IKEA's adorable plushies (we love the Fabler Groda fairy frog) range from $1.49 up to $19.99 — but this weekend only, these soft toys will be on sale for 50 percent off.

Our favorite affordable Swedish design store, IKEA, is offering deals — and goodwill — all weekend long

Daily deals

Friday: Score the best-selling children's Mala Easel for $9.99 (regular price: $14.99). Don't forget the Mala Chalk ($1.99) to spark your little artists' imagination.

Saturday: The 365+ seven-piece stainless steel cookware set includes the essential pots and pans (and lids!) needed to whip up any holiday meal for just $19.99 (regular price: $39.99). Pair with the Direkt three-piece kitchen utensil ($3.99) for your own Iron Chef's kitchen.

Sunday: The Expedit shelving unit — the perfect little cubby — gets a perfect little price tag: $19.99 (regular price: $39.99). Store important documents — like Christmas wish lists — in the Kassett Magazine Boxes ($9.99 for a two-pack), which fit perfectly into the Expedit shelves.

AMBER RAY

Black Friday playlist

Shop with your buds — your earbuds

Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' Culture
There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms. Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

'Oh No,' Girl Talk
This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out-the way."

'Pretty Boy Swag,' Soulja Boy Tell'em
Speaking of "get out-the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

'Bittersweet Symphony,' The Verve
Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so awesome. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

'Albatross,' Fleetwood Mac
You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave this aggressive shopping climate. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s "New Orleans Instrumental," and Yo La Tengo's "Return to Hot Chicken."

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take it from a turkey, it's not healthy to be plump.

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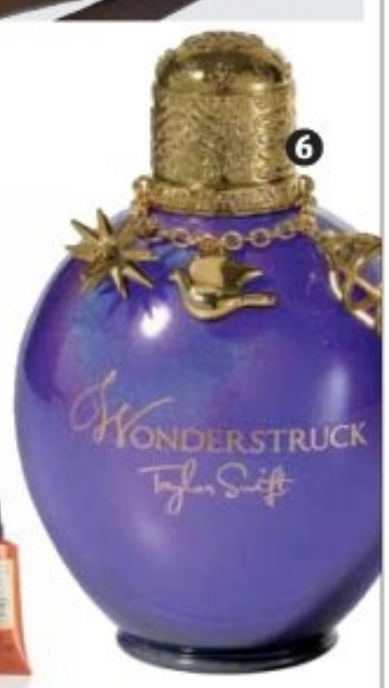

1. The concept for the "6 Packs/9 Lives" calendar is pretty simple: Hot guys and cute cats make every month that much better. Proceeds from the calendar benefit the Found Animals Foundation, an L.A.-based nonprofit that works to decrease animal shelter euthanasia. Without further ado, please meet Mr. December. **$14, www.foundanimals.org**

2. LUSH's "Brrrrilliant" box includes grapefruit-kissed Snow Globe soap and Australian Igloo sugar scrub to instantly warm up the chilly mornings ahead. **$13, www.lush.com**

3. People have very personal, very strong, very loud views about Ugg boots. But the brand's classic duffle — made of rugged waxed canvas and finished off with rustic brass hardware — is a definite crowd-pleaser. **$345, www.uggaustralia.com**

4. We love these Diane von Furstenberg "Zoe" shades for snowy mornings and sunny shores alike. **$165, available soon at www.dvf.com**

5. Give her something to look forward to with Crabtree & Evelyn's "shed bag," which comes with veggie-printed gardening tools and pampering potions for the greenest of thumbs. **$48, www.crabtree-evelyn.com**

6. There's no shortage of starlets hawking fragrances this season. Not all of them are girls you want to smell like. We like the subtle fruity scent of Taylor Swift's Wonderstruck almost as much as its bottle. **$60 (3.4 oz.), at Macy's stores**

Read more on page 24

Psyched for the Season?
Corner it!

The season of gift giving is right around the corner.

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gift guide

6. Big bulky terrycloth robes are for your mom. Betsey Johnson's adorable little velour and satin robe definitely isn't. $89, at Bloomingdale's stores and www.betseyjohnson.com

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1. These Converse high-tops are still classics, but a little extra special — just like her. **$100, www.converse.com**

2. At less than $30, Rubr watches make a trendy stocking stuffer for almost anyone. **$25, www.rubrwatchnation.com**

3. Soap & Glory's cheeky "Do a Bubble Take" gift set has all the makings for a perfectly decadent bubble bath. Minus — hint, hint — a bottle of bubbly. **$36, www.sephora.com**

4. Even if she doesn't usually wear perfume, Viva La Juicy's flirty little bottle has an irresistible Paris-after-hours appeal. **$98 (3.4 oz.), at Macy's stores**

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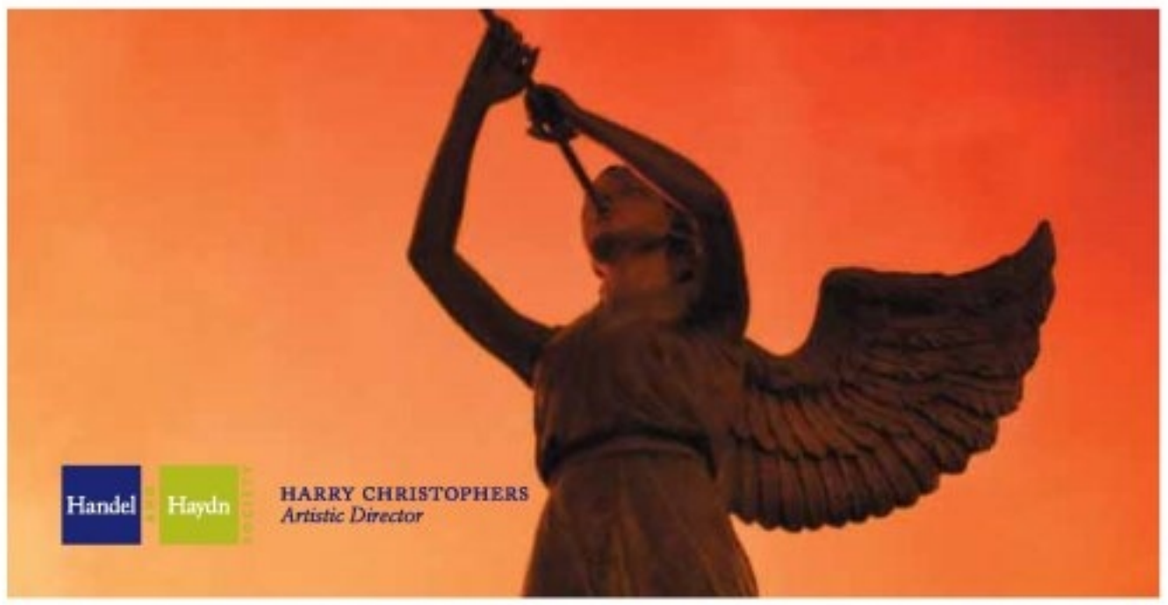

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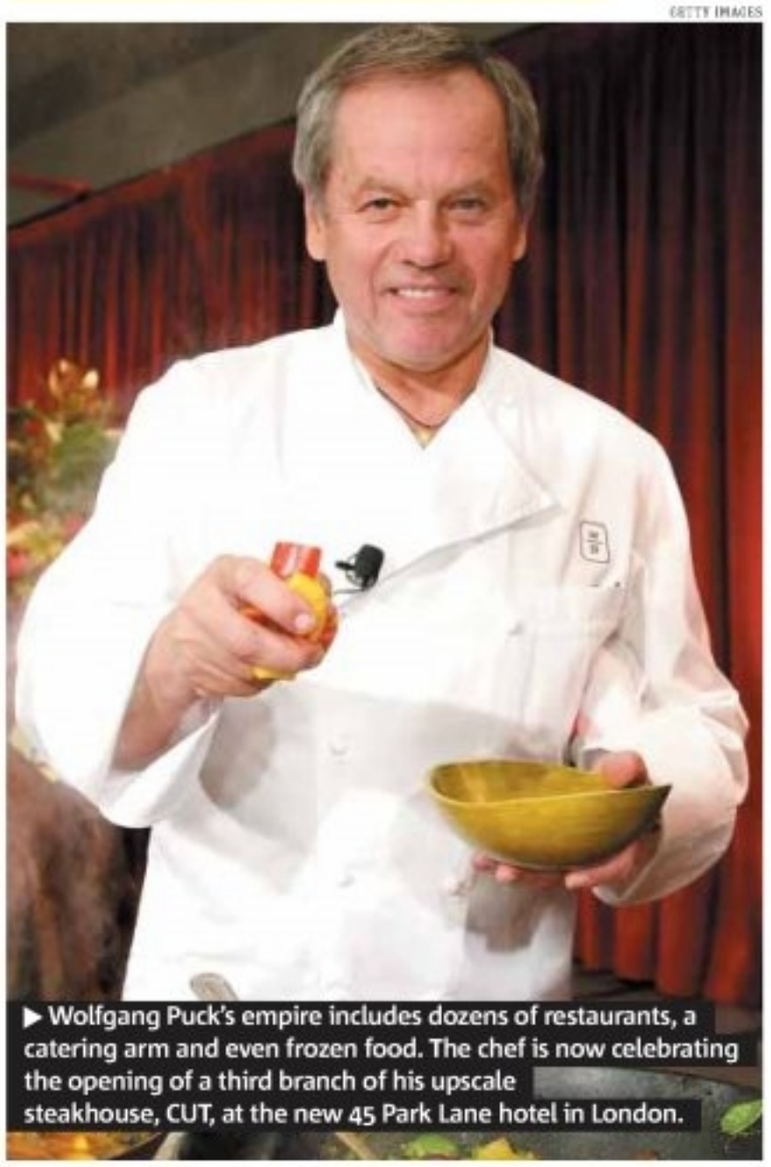

▶ Wolfgang Puck's empire includes dozens of restaurants, a catering arm and even frozen food. The chef is now celebrating the opening of a third branch of his upscale steakhouse, CUT, at the new 45 Park Lane hotel in London.

Gourmet traveler: Wolfgang Puck

Puck put California on the culinary map in the '80s when he invented fusion cuisine at the now-legendary Spago The celebrity chef reveals his favorite culinary destinations to Metro

When we asked famed chef Wolfgang Puck for his No. 1 gastronomic destination, he didn't go very far from his base of California.

"I would go to the Chino Ranch, which supplies most of my vegetables. It's only a two-hour drive from my place, but I have often rented a house there on the ocean just so I could eat their vegetables for two weeks — I became almost a vegetarian," he says of the farm that supplies his restaurants with produce.

Top gastronomic souvenirs:

- Pata Negra ham from Spain
- White truffles from Piedmont, Italy
- Porterhouse Steak from Snake River Farm, Idaho

But when pressed, he admitted to other, favorite gastronomic destinations. "I like Hong Kong, I love Japan and the fish market in Tokyo, and I like to go over to France, Italy and Spain. Last year, we went to Barcelona and went to the Boqueria market for simple Spanish food and good ham."

His gastronomic globe-trotting is limited only by his long-suffering travel companion, his wife. "My wife says, 'I have eight courses for lunch and eight courses for dinner, I don't want to do it anymore, take somebody who likes to eat that much.'"

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Puck's top three gastronomic destinations:

1 The Fat Duck, Bray, England

"I was particularly surprised by The Fat Duck because I didn't expect that I would like it that much, but I liked it better than el Bulli. I had a baby lamb chop which was really delicious. The quality of the food was perfect."

www.thefatduck.co.uk

▶ The Fat Duck is home to this Sound of the Sea plate.

2 Alain Ducasse at Plaza Athenee, Paris, France:

▶ Alain Ducasse at Plaza Athenee

"I liked the last meal I had at Ducasse at the Plaza Athenee because it was very simple [and] of great quality. You'd have a braised veal shank with carrots and you'd get a braised veal shank with carrots. But it tastes as good as you think it would."

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3 Moulin de Mougins, Mougins, France:

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Picking through the undesirables at QB

National analysis

Monday morning brought with it the kind of confusion usually saved for weekends derailed by powerful Danish club drugs. In every corner there were signs of a profound madness that no one dared explain.

A fleet of undesirable quarterbacks came away with wins, and we are left to pick through the rubble of what was NFL reality.

Vince Young sparked a 17-10 Eagles' victory over the Giants, mitigating three interceptions with two touchdowns and 258 yards passing.

Who could forget Tim Tebow's win over the Jets?

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▶ Tebow

Even Matt Moore went wild against the Bills.

Perhaps we need to adjust our expectations for these typically subpar quarterbacks, but probably not. You would be safe chalking this one up under the column of "Just one of those weeks." FREDERICK WILHELM

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PATRIOTS (7-3)

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CHIEFS (4-6)

Patriots start slow, turn it on against overmatched Chiefs Brady to Gronkowski unstoppable in blowout Edelman takes one to the house

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▶ Rob Gronkowski had two touchdown catches as the Patriots rolled the Chiefs.

What went right for the Pats ...

1 **Play the schedule** — Give the Patriots' defense credit where it's due. Sure, you can say it came against a Chiefs team with a brand new QB and not many offensive weapons, but the Pats got it done. They were supposed to play this way against a team with this caliber, and they did.

2 **Paging Lt. Dangle** — It's been a rough season for Julian Edelman on and off the field, but perhaps Monday will mark the turnaround. Edelman saw some time on a depleted secondary and held his own. His biggest play was a punt return for a TD that made it, 24-3.

3 **Trust the law firm** — It still wasn't dominating, but the running game was consistent. At this point, that's a great sign for the Pats. Starter BenJarvus Green-Ellis led the way with 81 yards on 20 carries, but it was rookie Shane Vereen who rushed for the lone TD — the first one of his pro career — in the closing seconds of the game.

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What went wrong ...

1 **Slow starters.** The Pats gave fans a scare to start the game when Kansas City got on the board first and led 3-0 going into the second quarter. Chalk it up to sloppy play at the gate, as the Patriots went punt, punt, fumble, punt, before finally scoring their first TD with 4:25 to go in the second quarter.

2 **Not receiving the call.** Wes Welker and Deion Branch each had two catches for a combined 41 yards. That's it. Chad Ochocinco? More like zero-zero. Luckily, Rob Gronkowski (four catches, 96 yards, two scores) and Aaron Hernandez (four catches, 44 yards) stepped up again.

3 **Tom not-terrific** — It woudn't make sense to say Brady was "bad." He wasn't. But at the same time he could have been better. The Chiefs got to him a few times, and actually made him fumble once. When the dust settled Brady was 15-27 for 234 yards and two TDs. Meh.

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In the news

Bears' Cutler out indefinitely

Just when the Chicago fans were starting to warm up to Jay Cutler he gets pulled away.

Cutler will undergo surgery on the thumb on his throwing hand and is out indefinitely.

Head coach Lovie Smith said he is hopeful Cutler would be able to return for the playoffs should the Bears qualify.

Cutler has thrown 13 touchdowns this season.

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Rex is fined $75K

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Ryan was caught on camera walking off the field at halftime of the Week 10 loss to New England as a fan berated him, yelling that Patriots head coach Bill Belichick "is better than you." Ryan rather stoically and dismissively looked up and responded with "Shut the f— up" as he continued his stride into the locker room.

On Monday morning, Ryan received notice of the fine from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"I received the notice today from Commissioner Goodell. I won't appeal it. The commissioner has a tough job. I'm a NFL lifer; I know I represent the NFL. I represent the Jets," Ryan said. "I'm accountable for my actions so I won't appeal it.

"I just know that it was a mistake and I've owned up to that, no question about it. I'm not going to appeal it, because quite honestly, the man's made a decision and his decision is that I should be fined 75,000 dollars and that's the way it is," Ryan said. "I just want to get it behind me."

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